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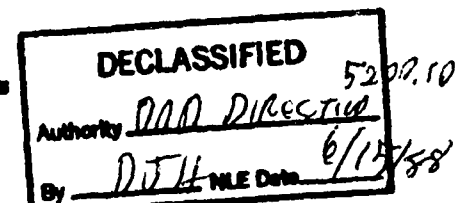
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PERSONAL FROM GEN NORSTAD FOR CHAIRMAN.

In the course of Gen Clarke's meeting with Koniev on 5 Apr the latter stated that he had heard that there were plans to bring missiles, rockets, fighter planes, etc., into West Berlin for Armed Forces Day. He said he felt this would create unnecessary heat at this time and expressed the hope that this would not be done.



Now that Marshal Koniev has joined the JCS, Gen Clarke and myself in forming a solid wall of military opinion on this subject (see USNMR ALO 15, 6 Jan; and JCS 335, 19 Jan) I hope that DEF 908909 of 25 Jan 62 can be modified to provide for a simple, straightforward observance of the day, using only the

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forces and equipment locally available, and in any case staying well within the limits of the 1961 observance.

Since the policy stated in DEF 908909 was established at an inter-agency meeting, I request that copy of this message be provided to the Department of State.

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